How an Idea Becomes a Law



Concerned Citizens suggest legislation.



Representative submits the idea to bill drafting.



writes the bill so the

representative can file it.

Bill Drafting



Committees & Subcommittees

(Members of the Florida House of Representatives) may discuss the bill, amend the bill, hear public testimony, and vote on the bill.



Speaker of the House

refers the bill to committees, subcommittees, or the House Calendar.



Clerk's Office

"reads" (publishes) the bill the first time in the Journal.



The Bill is placed on the House Calendar.



Rules & Policy Committee

places the bill on the Special Order Calendar to be considered for action in the House Chamber.





House Chamber

reads the bill a second & third time this is when the members may amend, debate and vote on the bill.





The Senate

takes the bill through a similar process, passes the companion bill, and returns the bill with a message to the House.





The Governor

receives the bill when it passes both houses. He can (1) sign the bill, (2) allow it to become law without a signature, or (3) veto (reject) the bill.



The House

sends the bill to the Senate with a message stating the House passed the bill and would like for the Senate to do the same.